



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 760/61
Serial No. 10/803,110	Filing Date March 16, 2004	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit To Be Assigned
Inventor(s) Lewis C. Lofgren et al.			
Title of Invention Suspension Packages and Systems, and Methods of Using Same			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), Form PTO-1449, Copies of Nine (9) of the Cited References (A47-A55), and Return Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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x \$9 =	
x 43 =	
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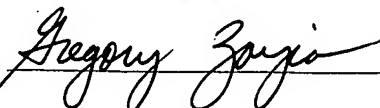
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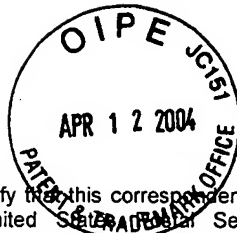
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents A1-A55 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of


record. Copies of nine (9) of the listed documents (A47-A55) required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE March 16, 2004	GROUP ART UNIT To Be Assigned
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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	2,031,381	02/18/1936	McCaillum		
	A2	2,707,553	05/03/1955	Yount		
	A3	2,802,565	08/13/1957	Kabbash		
	A4	2,919,797	01/05/1960	McCracken		
	A5	3,089,590	05/14/1963	Mell		
	A6	3,424,306	01/28/1969	Munck		
	A7	3,437,198	04/08/1969	Van Saun et al.		
	A8	3,507,383	04/21/1970	Rorer		
	A9	3,540,579	11/17/1970	Hellstrom		
	A10	3,669,337	06/13/1972	Struble		
	A11	3,718,275	02/27/1973	Willingner		
	A12	3,891,090	06/24/1975	Spiegel et al.		
	A13	3,905,474	09/16/1975	Haibara		
	A14	3,966,046	06/29/1976	Deutschländer		
	A15	4,030,603	06/21/1977	Angell		
	A16	4,182,224	01/08/1980	Dutcher		
	A17	4,285,432	08/25/1981	de Villers et al.		
	A18	4,306,653	12/22/1981	Fales		
	A19	4,307,804	12/29/1981	Benham		
	A20	4,494,689	01/22/1985	Ilitch		
	A21	4,606,460	08/19/1986	Luray		
	A22	4,632,301	12/30/1986	Slack		
	A23	4,757,900	07/19/1988	Misset et al.		
	A24	4,852,743	08/01/1989	Ridgeway		
	A25	5,086,925	02/11/1992	Coalier et al.		
	A26	5,211,290	05/18/1993	Janus et al.		
	A27	5,251,760	10/12/1993	Smith et al.		
	A28	5,259,507	11/09/1993	Smith		
	A29	5,323,896	06/28/1994	Jones		
	A30	5,388,701	02/14/1995	Ridgeway		
	A31	5,579,917	12/03/1996	Lofgren et al.		
	A32	5,669,506	09/23/1997	Lofgren et al.		
	A33	5,678,695	10/21/1997	Ridgeway et al.		
	A34	5,722,541	03/03/1998	Lofgren et al.		
	A35	5,823,348	10/20/1998	Phillips et al.		
	A36	5,839,652	11/24/1998	Ben-Haim		
	A37	5,855,317	01/05/1999	Dalrymple		

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	A38	5,894,932	04/20/1999	Harding et al.		
	A39	5,954,263	09/21/1999	Posson		
	A40	5,967,327	10/19/1999	Jones		
	A41	5,975,307	11/02/1999	Harding et al.		
	A42	6,010,006	01/04/2000	Ridgeway et al.		
	A43	6,119,863	09/19/2000	Lofgren et al.		
	A44	6,148,591	11/21/2000	Ridgeway et al.		
	A45	6,223,901	05/01/2001	Lofgren et al.		
	A46	6,467,624	10/22/2002	Lofgren et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	A47	3-100158	10/18/1991	Japan		No
	A48	49-59982	05/27/1974	Japan		No
	A49	50-102778	08/25/1975	Japan		No
	A50	50-107583	09/03/1975	Japan		No
	A51	57-177969	11/11/1982	Japan		No
	A52	49-77087	07/04/1974	Japan		No
	A53	50-88376	07/26/1975	Japan		No
	A54	CA 691904	08/04/1964	Canada		No

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
	A55	Sealed Air Corporation Brochure, "Korrvu [®] : Suspension Packaging and Retention Packaging", October 1999, 7 pages.

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